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Appln. No. 09/164,216 ✓)	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-4, 7-9, 16, and 24-31.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor chip having a substrate of a first conductivity type, the chip comprising:
a pad;
an electrostatic discharge (ESD) positive line, the ESD positive line not being connected to a steady voltage source;

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